

Involved in the management and monitoring of various wildlife-related diseases and threats including: Lyme disease, West Nile Virus, rabies, tularemia, and botulism.

Responded to many Refuge-based fires and law enforcement incidents.

Served as the Fish and Wildlife Service's Field Response Coordinator for oil spills in the Delaware River/Bay Tri-State area.

Responded to dozens of spills to assess the impact to natural resources and to retrieve impacted waterfowl for rehabilitation at the Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research Center in Newark, Delaware.

During his long tenure in public service, Dick Nugent has demonstrated unflinching dedication, a high degree of loyalty, and a large measure of hard work. Dick will carry his strong spirit of public service, his respect for the natural world, and his concept of our duty to the environment into his retirement.

On the occasion of his retirement from government service, I commend Dick Nugent for his outstanding service. He is among Pennsylvania's finest, and I wish him well in the years ahead. Thank you Dick, you'll be missed.

THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE ON WORLD AFFAIRS

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the San Diego State University Institute of World Affairs on occasion of their 60th anniversary and in recognition of their continuing exemplary work. Rather than speak at great length about this fine organization, I'd like to submit for the RECORD the text of a resolution that I had the honor of presenting.

Whereas the San Diego State Institute on World Affairs is celebrating its 60th Anniversary; and

Whereas the Institute has gained the respect of the international community through its educational achievements and has greatly impacted its campus and community through its outstanding presentation and analysis of important world issues; and

Whereas the Institute has promoted international involvement and has been an active and prominent advocate of international awareness by bringing to California numerous highly respected ambassadors, Nobel Laureates, United Nations delegates, military and government officials, academics, journalists, scientists, business executives, and other noted experts on international issues; and

Whereas international issues have become increasingly important, and the knowledge of world affairs is vital to the success and security of our nation and of the international community; and

Whereas the successful efforts of the San Diego State University Institute on World Affairs have significantly and positively increased the growth of education, awareness, and information about international issues and world affairs; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Congresswoman Susan A. Davis of the 49th District of California congratulates the San Diego University Institute on World Affairs for sixty years of successfully educating the students, faculty, campus and community of San Diego State

University about international issues, world affairs, and their importance to our nation and for its diplomatic achievements as it continues to present highly respected individuals to the university.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL MONTGOMERY C. MEIGS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a long and exceptionally distinguished career has come to an end. General Montgomery C. Meigs' 36 years of service to the Nation has been marked by meritorious service in increasingly demanding command and staff positions, culminating as Commanding General, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany and Commander, Stabilization Force, Bosnia—Herzegovina. Throughout, General Meigs demonstrated strong and inspiring leadership, unsurpassed executive ability, and an untiring dedication to the spirit and mission of the United States Army.

General Meigs was commissioned from the United States Military Academy in 1967. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, holding a Masters Degree and a Ph.D. in History. He is also a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses School, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the National War College.

General Meigs has served in command and staff positions over the last thirty-six years. He is a combat veteran of Vietnam, serving from July 1969 to June 1970 where he served as Commander, A Troop, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry Division and Squadron Maintenance Officer, Headquarters Troop, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry Division. He is also a combat veteran of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm from September 1990 to May 1991 where he served as Commander, 2d Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

His service includes staff assignments as Assistant Professor, History Department, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; Chief, Strategic Applications Branch, Office of the Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5, The Joint Staff, Washington, DC; Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany; along with many other distinguished positions.

General Meigs' awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Ranger Tab, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

Throughout his career, General Montgomery C. Meigs has made significant contributions at every level assigned. In his final assignment, he brought to bear the accumulated experience and dedication of a career spent serving the nation and our soldiers. He has provided continuity for the Profession of Arms—integ-

rity, loyalty, dedication, mentorship, vision, and the willingness to take and stand behind the risks associated with implementing change in the Army. General Meigs' distinguished performance of duty will have far-reaching impacts on the future of the Army. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing General Meigs and his wife, Mary Ann, all the best.

WOMEN'S HEART WEEK

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Women's Heart Week, February 1 through 7.

We have heard for years about the devastating impact that heart disease has on men's health. It is a lesser-known fact, however, that heart disease is the leading cause of death among women 35 and older, and while the mortality rate for men with cardiovascular disease has dropped, the rate for women is rising. In fact, in every year since 1984, heart disease has killed more women than men.

Unfortunately, far too many people are unaware of these grim statistics. So much focus has been placed on heart disease in men, it has received little attention in women. Too little emphasis has been placed on conducting research into cardiovascular disease specifically in women—despite the fact that there are physiological differences between men's and women's hearts. Many of the diagnostic tools used to detect cardiovascular disease were developed for men and are thus less effective in women. For example, one study showed that treadmill stress tests, used so frequently to diagnose heart disease, product up to 35 percent misleading results in women. Furthermore, women get poorer treatment for cardiovascular problems—they are twice as likely to die after a heart attack, twice as likely to have a second heart attack within two weeks of the first, and more than twice as likely to die after coronary bypass surgery.

It is important not only that medical researchers focus more on gender disparities in heart health and treatment delivery, but also that more women become aware of the preventative steps they can take to prevent heart disease. Smoking cessation is crucial—27 percent of American women smoke, and smoking is the most controllable risk for heart disease. Equally disconcerting, 70 percent of American women do not exercise regularly, another major risk factor for cardiovascular illnesses.

That is why I am so proud to see that the Women's Heart Foundation is bringing attention to these issues with Women's Heart Week. On February 1, WHF, along with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ, will offer a free public program including blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, cooking demonstrations, and discussion panels. Throughout the rest of the week, further events will teach heart-healthy shopping and medication safety.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask that all of my colleagues here in the House encourage their constituents to participate in Women's Heart Week. Together, we can help raise